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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES ENCOURAGEMENT GOI MONITORING PROGRAM, AND AGREES A PROGRAM CARRIED OUT BY A CIVILIAN AGENCY WOULD BE GIVEN GREATER CREDIBILITY BY ITALIAN PUBLIC. THOUGH WE HAVE NO OBJECTION EARLY APPROACH TO ITALIAN NAVY TO PARTICIPATE IN PLANNED SAMPLE COLLECTION, OTHER AGENCIES OF GOI ARE INVOLVED AND CHOICE OF PARTICIPANTS OUGHT IN OUR VIEW TO BE LEFT TO THE GOI.

2. SINCE INTENT OF THIS INVITATION IS TO BEGIN A PROCESS WE HOPE WILL BE INSTITUTIONALIZED, WE BELIEVE IT IMPORTANT
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CONSIDER SENSITIVITIES OF INSTITUTION LIKELY EVENTUALLY

TO BE ASKED TO PLAY THE KEY ROLE, CNEN. MAKING INITIAL APPROACH TO ITALIAN NAVY WITH LIKELY RESULTANT INVOLVEMENT MILITARY NUCLEAR AGENCY CAMEN, MIGHT DAMPEN ENTHUSIASM OF CIVILIAN ORGANIZATIONS IN THIS MATTER.

3. THOUGH CLEARLY WE WOULD NOT WISH TO DRAW TOO MUCH ATTENTION TO WHAT IS ESSENTIALLY A ROUTINE COLLECTION BY INCLUDING A LARGE NUMBER OF PARTICIPANTS, WE WOULD HOPE THAT A CIVILIAN REPRESENTATIVE COULD TAKE PART IN ADDITION TO A MEMBER OF THE ITALIAN NAVY.

4. WITH DEPT AND DOD CONCURRENCE WE WOULD PROPOSE WORKING LEVEL APPROACH TO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (WHICH HAS SERVED IN THIS MATTER AS CHANNEL TO MINISTRY OF HEALTH, MOST INSISTENT DEMANDEUR AND HOLDER OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY) TO ADVISE OF PLANNED COLLECTION, PROVIDING OPPORTUNITY FOR A GOI PARTICIPANT TO OBSERVE AT FIRST HAND SIMPLE TECHNIQUE INVOLVED. WE WOULD HOPE GOI REPRESENTATIVE WOULD BE INVOLVED IN A LONG TERM MONITORING PROGRAM. AS CIVILIAN EXPERTISE IN THIS AREA LIES LARGELY WITHIN CNEN WE CAN IN LOW KEY SUGGEST APPROPRIATENESS INVITING A REPRESENTATIVE FROM THAT AGENCY TO TAKE PART IN THIS OPERATION, STRESS ROUTINE NATURE OF COLLECTION AND DESIRE KEEP IT LOW KEY. VOLPE

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